

1 **In the Claims:**

2 Claims 3-16 are pending and are listed following:

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4 3. (currently amended) A graphical interactive method for permitting a  
5 computer system to access a web site, the method comprising the steps of:

6 displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated  
7 with an address of the web site;

8 launching a web browser application in response to a user of said  
9 computer system selecting said desktop icon for execution, if said web browser  
10 application is not currently executing; and

11 accessing the web site using said web browser application and said  
12 address of the web site.

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14 4. (previously presented) A graphical interactive method for permitting a  
15 computer system to access a web site, said method comprising the steps of:

16 displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated  
17 with a file containing information relating to the web site;

18 accessing the web site using an already executing web browser  
19 application and said address for the web, in response to a user of said computer  
20 system selecting said desktop icon for execution, wherein said web browser  
21 application is separate from said file.

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23 5. (previously presented) A graphical interactive computer system for  
24 accessing a desired document located at a network location, comprising:  
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1 means for displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon  
2 associated with a file containing a network address corresponding to the network  
3 location;

4 means for enabling a user of the computer system to interactively  
5 select said desktop icon for execution;

6 means for launching a web browser application in response to the  
7 user selecting said desktop icon for execution, if said web browser application is  
8 not currently executing, wherein said application is separate from said file; and

9 means for retrieving the desired document from the network location  
10 using said web browser application and said network address.

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12 6. (previously presented) A graphical interactive method for permitting a  
13 first computer system to access a web site, said method comprising the steps of:

14 receiving a desktop icon associated with a file from a second  
15 computer system, said file containing an address corresponding to web site;

16 displaying the desktop icon on a desktop of the first computer  
17 system;

18 launching a web browser application in response to a user of the first  
19 computer system selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

20 accessing the web site using said web browser application and said  
21 address corresponding to the web site.

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23 7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said receiving  
24 step comprises receiving an e-mail from the second computer system, said e-mail  
25 including said desktop icon.

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2 8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said receiving  
3 step comprises receiving an internet message from the second computer system,  
4 said internet message including said desktop icon.

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6 9. (currently amended) One or more computer-readable media having  
7 computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a programmable  
8 device, if a web browser application is not currently executing, launch a-the web  
9 browser application in response to a user of the programmable device selecting a  
10 desktop icon on a desktop for execution, the desktop icon associated with an  
11 address of a web site accessible by the web browser application.

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13 10. (currently amended) A desktop icon for display on a desktop, said  
14 desktop icon associated with a web site wherein selection of the desktop icon  
15 launches a web browser application, if the web browser application is not  
16 currently executing, and causes the web browser application to access the web site.

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18 11. (currently amended) One or more computer-readable media having  
19 computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a programmable  
20 device in response to selection of a desktop icon displayed on a desktop, the  
21 desktop icon associated an address of a web site, launch a web browser  
22 application, if the web browser application is not currently executing, the web  
23 browser application capable of accessing the web site using the address.

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25 12. (currently amended) A graphical interactive system comprising:

1 means for displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon  
2 associated with an address of a web site;

3 means for launching a web browser application, if said web browser  
4 application is not currently executing, in response to a user of said system  
5 selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

6 means for accessing the web site using said web browser application  
7 and said address of the web site.

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9 13. (new) A graphical interactive method for permitting a computer  
10 system to access a web site, the method comprising the steps of:

11 displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated  
12 with an address of the web site; and

13 in response to a user of said computer system selecting said desktop  
14 icon for execution, accessing the web site using an already executing web browser  
15 application and said address of the web site.

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17 14. (new) One or more computer-readable media having computer-  
18 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a programmable device,  
19 use an already executing web browser application in response to a user of the  
20 programmable device selecting a desktop icon on a desktop for execution, the  
21 desktop icon associated with an address of a web site accessible by the web  
22 browser application.

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24 15. (new) A desktop icon for display on a desktop, said desktop icon  
25 associated with a web site wherein selection of the desktop icon uses an already

1 executing web browser application and causes the web browser application to  
2 access the web site.

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4 16. (new) A graphical interactive system comprising:

5 means for displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon  
6 associated with an address of a web site;

7 means for using an already executing web browser application in  
8 response to a user of said system selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

9 means for accessing the web site using said web browser application  
10 and said address of the web site.